

Earth Day 2006

News Release

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RHODE ISLANDERS INVITED TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Warwick Mall Saturday, April 22nd 10am-5pm

PROVIDENCE - The Earth Day Rhode Island Committee will host Rhode Island's Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 22nd from 10am-5pm at the Warwick Mall. Free Transportation to the Earth Day Festival from Kennedy Plaza to Warwick Mall on RIPTA routes 22 & 30. Ask for your free ride Earth Day sticker at the Kennedy Plaza Information Booth while supplies last.

Spend the day with environmental organizations focused on a wide range of global and local conservation issues and learn how to practice environmental stewardship in your own backyard to positively impact the earth. There will be informative displays and hands-on exhibits including several students who won an Earth Day RI special award at this year's State Science and Engineering Fair. There will also be free give-a-ways and family entertainment – featuring an appearance by Ponaganset High School Fuel Cell Powered Band - Protium, Big Nazo characters and more. Meet NBC 10 Meteorologist Dylan Dryer at 10:30 am.

Uniross Batteries Corporation will be collecting rechargeable batteries at their exhibit booth so pack them up and bring them with you. Uniross is participating in the *Call2Recycle*TM, a national program of the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC). By bringing your rechargeable batteries to the festival you can help keep them out of the solid waste stream and help preserve our natural resources. So recycle your used portable rechargeable batteries and old cell phones. Rechargeable batteries are commonly found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, camcorders, digital cameras, and remote control toys. RBRC recycles the following battery chemistries: Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion) and Small Sealed Lead* (Pb).

Earth Day in Rhode Island is coordinated by Earth Day RI and DEM. Co-sponsors include Warwick Rhode Island, NBC 10, RI Resource Recovery Corporation, Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, Verizon, TransCanada's Ocean State Power facility, Amgen, American Power Conversion, CVS Pharmacy, Waste Xpress, AAA of Southern New England, and RI State Energy Office.

Earth Day RI supports and promotes year round environmental education and awareness in the Ocean State. The organization encourages Rhode Islanders to raise their environmental consciousness by committing to "Take 3" steps to improve their environment. "Take 3" is a call to action which suggests dozens of ways to save energy, conserve water, reduce waste and respect nature. For further information about Take 3 and other Earth Day RI-sponsored programs and activities, please visit www.earthdayri.org.